

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 16th October 2016

Counties Contest

Band conditions for the 40 metres counties contest on Sunday last were excellent and plenty of EI and GI stations were on the air for this event. There was also strong support from overseas stations. Logs should be sent to contestmanager /at/ irts.ie prior to the deadline, which is Sunday next, 23rd October.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday 1st December in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centres if warranted by the numbers. Some applications have been received and as numbers are limited those intending to sit the examination should apply soon. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam . Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination.

It is important to note that even If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday 10th November.

Four Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are available on the Downloads section of the website at www.irts.ie/downloads under "Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate". These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination. Intending candidates are advised to pay particular attention to the syllabus for the examination especially Annexes 1 and 2.

Next IRTS Committee Meeting

The next IRTS Committee meeting will be held next Saturday 22nd October 2016, Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone at 11am. IRTS affiliated clubs are invited to send a club representative to attend meeting.

Morse Tests

Morse Tests will be available from 2pm in the Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone on the afternoon of next Saturday 22nd October.

The Morse test is by appointment only.

To obtain an appointment please contact Dave Moore EI4BZ at 087-6290574 or 021-4883555 or Sean Donelan at 01- 2821420. Cost of test is €20.

2016 Mayo Radio Experimenter Network AGM

The MREN AGM was held on Wednesday 5th October 2016. There was a good attendance for the meeting. The Treasurers report on the clubs finances was read out, this was followed by the Chairman's report. In this he thanked all the club members for their help and support through out the year.

Next item of the meeting was the election of the 2016/17 officials for the club.

After this was concluded there was a lively debate of the clubs activities of this year and next years activities and activations. Full details are available on www.ei7mre.org

Special thanks to all who attended

M.R.E.N IRTS 40M counties contest participation.

As a late decision Saturday we decided to run the club station portable for the Sunday contest.

So Jimmy EI2GCB Padraig EI9JA and Dominic EI9JS set off to run the station outside of Castlebar at a nearby bog.

A quick set-up this time as we did not know how the band would be on the day.

A SEM z-match was used to couple the doublet to the transceiver. The conditions on the band turned out to be very lively with lots of inter EI activity.

We worked 54 contacts in two and a half hours, the generator ran out of petrol after that amount of time and as the band was starting to go long we did not refuel the generator.

For more information on Mayo Radio Experimenters Network please look up the club website at www.ei7mre.org

DX News

Istvan HA5AO will reactivate his 7P8AO callsign from Lesotho from 15th to 29th October. During his previous visits he operated from the Trading Post in Roma near Maseru. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Several Polish operators will be active from Nepal from 15th to 29th October. Look for the callsigns 9N7FD, 9N7WE, 9N7ZT and 9N7XW. QSLs go via their home calls.

Chris GM3WOJ and Keith GM4YXI will sign V6Z from Chuuk Island in Micronesia from 17th October to 1st November. The IOTA reference is OC-011 and QSLs can be requested via Club Log OQRS.

A small group of French amateurs will use the callsign TL0A from the Central African Republic during the period 19th to 28th October. They hope to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80 to 6m. QSL Manager is F4WBN.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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